Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 11, 2010, there were 522,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2010, a decrease of 4,400 from November 2010 but 4,200 more than the number employed in December 2009.

Agricultural employment was 35,900 persons in December 2010, down 3,800 from the November 2010 level and 6,800 less than the December 2009 agricultural employment level of 42,700. Non-agricultural employment was 486,900 persons in December 2010. This is a decrease of 600 from the November 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 487,500 but 11,000 more than December 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2010 was 4.9 percent. This is unchanged from November 2010 and 0.6 percentage points higher than the December 2009 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 4,300 to 549,900 persons in December 2010 from 554,200 persons in November 2010. This is 8,000 more than the December 2009 labour force of 541,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 69.1 percent in December 2010 from 69.7 percent in November 2010. The December 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 27,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2010. This is an increase of 200 from November 2010 and is 3,900 more than the number unemployed in December 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 527,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2010, unchanged from November 2010 and is up 4,900 from the December 2009 employment level of 522,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2010 was 5.5 percent. This is unchanged from November 2010 and 0.7 percentage points higher than the December 2009 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 55,600 persons in December 2010 to 17,186,800 persons from 17,242,400 persons in November 2010. In December 2009, there were 16,826,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 7.1 percent from the November 2010 level of 7.2 percent. In December 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.6 percent in December 2010. This is unchanged from November 2010 and 0.8 percentage points lower than the December 2009 level of 8.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,493.0	18,577.8	18,259.7	-84.8	233.3
Employed ('000)	17,186.8	17,242.4	16,826.5	-55.6	360.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,740.2	13,791.3	13,474.0	-51.1	266.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,446.6	3,451.2	3,352.5	-4.6	94.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,306.1	1,335.3	1,433.3	-29.2	-127.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.2	7.8	-0.1	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.6	8.4	0.0	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	66.7	66.4	-0.4	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	549.9	554.2	541.9	-4.3	8.0
Employed ('000)	522.8	527.2	518.6	-4.4	4.2
Full-Time ('000)	424.9	430.5	417.1	-5.6	7.8
Part-Time ('000)	97.9	96.8	101.5	1.1	-3.6
Unemployed ('000)	27.2	27.0	23.3	0.2	3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.5	4.8	0.0	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.7	69.1	-0.6	0.0
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,124.7	2,132.5	2,124.3	-7.8	0.4
Employed ('000)	2,013.3	2,012.9	1,991.1	0.4	22.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,643.8	1,653.6	1,612.1	-9.8	31.7
Part-Time ('000)	369.5	359.3	378.9	10.2	-9.4
Unemployed ('000)	111.5	119.6	133.3	-8.1	-21.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.6	6.3	-0.4	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.6	6.6	0.0	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.0	72.4	73.4	-0.4	-1.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	648.1	652.5	636.3	-4.4	11.8
Employed ('000)	616.5	622.3	601.6	-5.8	14.9
Full-Time ('000)	492.2	498.0	475.0	-5.8	17.2
Part-Time ('000)	124.3	124.3	126.7	0.0	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.6	30.2	34.7	1.4	-3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.6	5.5	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.1	5.8	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.3	68.5	-0.6	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	549.9	554.2	541.9	-4.3	8.0
Male	293.8	296.5	288.6	-2.7	5.2
Female	256.2	257.8	253.4	-1.6	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	87.3	89.6	90.5	-2.3	-3.2
25+ Years of age	462.6	464.6	451.5	-2.0	11.1
EMPLOYED ('000)	522.8	527.2	518.6	-4.4	4.2
Male	276.5	281.3	272.3	-4.8	4.2
Female	246.2	245.9	246.3	0.3	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	79.6	80.3	84.0	-0.7	-4.4
25+ Years of age	443.2	446.9	434.6	-3.7	8.6
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.2	27.0	23.3	0.2	3.9
Male	17.2	15.1	16.3	2.1	0.9
Female	9.9	11.9	7.1	-2.0	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	9.3	6.5	-1.5	1.3
25+ Years of age	19.4	17.7	16.8	1.7	2.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
Male	5.9	5.1	5.6	0.8	0.3
Female	3.9	4.6	2.8	-0.7	1.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	10.4	7.2	-1.5	1.7
25+ Years of age	4.2	3.8	3.7	0.4	0.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.1	69.7	69.1	-0.6	0.0
Male	74.6	75.3	74.6	-0.7	0.0
Female	63.7	64.1	63.8	-0.4	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	63.7	65.3	65.3	-1.6	-1.6
25+ Years of age	70.2	70.6	69.9	-0.4	0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	35.9	39.7	42.7	-3.8	-6.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.3	23.9	27.6	0.4	-3.3
Utilities	6.6	5.9	4.8	0.7	1.8
Construction	38.0	38.6	37.0	-0.6	1.0
Manufacturing	29.3	31.5	26.0	-2.2	3.3
Trade	83.2	82.1	80.9	1.1	2.3
Transportation and Warehousing	26.8	27.3	25.3	-0.5	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.6	30.0	31.2	0.6	-0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.4	21.3	23.5	-0.9	-3.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	9.9	10.0	12.2	-0.1	-2.3
Educational Services	41.3	41.1	42.5	0.2	-1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	66.8	68.6	65.9	-1.8	0.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	19.7	17.7	1.2	3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	32.6	31.9	28.8	0.7	3.8
Other Services	27.4	27.5	23.3	-0.1	4.1
Public Administration	28.7	28.1	29.2	0.6	-0.5
Total	522.8	527.2	518.6	-4.4	4.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	424.9	430.5	417.1	-5.6	7.8
Part-Time	97.9	96.8	101.5	1.1	-3.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	429.7	431.5	417.1	-1.8	12.6
Public Sector	135.1	131.9	133.5	3.2	1.6
Private Sector	294.6	299.7	283.6	-5.1	11.0
Self-Employed	93.1	95.7	101.5	-2.6	-8.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,186.8	17,242.4	16,826.5	-55.6	360.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	221.0	222.3	210.5	-1.3	10.5
Prince Edward Island	67.7	68.9	68.3	-1.2	-0.6
Nova Scotia	447.4	449.0	451.6	-1.6	-4.2
New Brunswick	356.4	361.1	357.8	-4.7	-1.4
Quebec	3,933.7	3,937.7	3,833.1	-4.0	100.6
Ontario	6,711.2	6,710.8	6,528.1	0.4	183.1
Manitoba	616.5	622.3	601.6	-5.8	14.9
Saskatchewan	522.8	527.2	518.6	-4.4	4.2
Alberta	2,013.3	2,012.9	1,991.1	0.4	22.2
British Columbia	2,296.9	2,330.3	2,265.8	-33.4	31.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.2	7.8	-0.1	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.6	13.5	15.3	0.1	-1.7
Prince Edward Island	13.4	13.1	12.1	0.3	1.3
Nova Scotia	9.8	9.3	8.7	0.5	1.1
New Brunswick	9.0	9.3	8.7	-0.3	0.3
Quebec	7.3	7.5	8.1	-0.2	-0.8
Ontario	7.2	7.5	8.3	-0.3	-1.1
Manitoba	4.9	4.6	5.5	0.3	-0.6
Saskatchewan	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
Alberta	5.2	5.6	6.3	-0.4	-1.1
British Columbia	7.1	6.6	7.6	0.5	-0.5

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,249.9	17,227.9	16,881.4	22.0	368.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.1	224.6	217.2	2.5	9.9
Prince Edward Island	70.7	71.0	71.2	-0.3	-0.5
Nova Scotia	449.1	450.5	452.0	-1.4	-2.9
New Brunswick	362.8	361.7	365.4	1.1	-2.6
Quebec	3,960.2	3,935.5	3,858.4	24.7	101.8
Ontario	6,712.9	6,690.4	6,527.4	22.5	185.5
Manitoba	620.2	622.3	604.0	-2.1	16.2
Saskatchewan	527.0	527.0	522.1	0.0	4.9
Alberta	2,016.4	2,018.8	1,995.3	-2.4	21.1
British Columbia	2,303.6	2,326.1	2,268.5	-22.5	35.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	7.6	8.4	0.0	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.7	13.8	15.2	-0.1	-1.5
Prince Edward Island	11.9	12.5	10.8	-0.6	1.1
Nova Scotia	10.4	9.6	9.6	0.8	0.8
New Brunswick	9.4	10.3	8.9	-0.9	0.5
Quebec	7.6	7.9	8.4	-0.3	-0.8
Ontario	8.1	8.2	9.2	-0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	5.2	5.1	5.8	0.1	-0.6
Saskatchewan	5.5	5.5	4.8	0.0	0.7
Alberta	5.6	5.6	6.6	0.0	-1.0
British Columbia	7.6	6.9	8.3	0.7	-0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.2	6.4	8.2	-0.2	-2.0
Halifax	6.2	6.4	5.9	-0.2	0.3
Saint John	5.2	6.0	6.0	-0.8	-0.8
Quebec	4.5	4.0	4.7	0.5	-0.2
Montreal	8.1	8.1	8.6	0.0	-0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.0	6.4	5.5	-0.4	0.5
Greater Sudbury	7.7	8.4	9.7	-0.7	-2.0
Toronto	7.6	8.4	8.7	-0.8	-1.1
Winnipeg	5.0	5.1	5.3	-0.1	-0.3
Regina	4.1	4.7	4.5	-0.6	-0.4
Saskatoon	5.1	5.0	4.1	0.1	1.0
Calgary	5.9	6.1	7.1	-0.2	-1.2
Edmonton	5.3	5.7	7.3	-0.4	-2.0
Vancouver	6.7	6.9	7.4	-0.2	-0.7
Victoria	5.9	5.8	7.3	0.1	-1.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	165.6	166.0	155.3	-0.4	10.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.9	53.3	52.6	-0.4	0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	167.1	168.2	173.1	-1.1	-6.0
Yorkton-Melville	39.5	40.3	40.4	-0.8	-0.9
Prince Albert & Northern	100.2	99.2	98.9	1.0	1.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2010	November 2010	December 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	552.8	554.4	541.8	-1.6	11.0
Employed ('000)	525.2	526.9	517.0	-1.7	8.2
Unemployed ('000)	27.6	27.6	24.8	0.0	2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.0	4.6	0.0	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.8	69.1	-0.3	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.0	66.3	66.0	-0.3	0.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	512.8	514.1	505.1	-1.3	7.7
Employed ('000)	492.0	493.1	485.6	-1.1	6.4
Unemployed ('000)	20.9	21.0	19.5	-0.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.4	70.1	-0.2	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	67.5	67.4	-0.2	-0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	40.0	40.4	36.7	-0.4	3.3
Employed ('000)	33.3	33.8	31.4	-0.5	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	6.7	6.6	5.3	0.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.8	16.3	14.5	0.5	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	62.6	58.1	-0.7	3.8
Employment Rate (%)	51.5	52.4	49.7	-0.9	1.8
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.1	16.2	13.6	-0.1	2.5
Employed ('000)	12.2	12.4	11.3	-0.2	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.7	2.3	0.2	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	24.3	23.1	17.1	1.2	7.2
Participation Rate (%)	55.2	55.6	47.5	-0.4	7.7
Employment Rate (%)	41.8	42.8	39.4	-1.0	2.4
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Labour Force ('000)	23.8	24.0	23.2	-0.2	0.6
Employed ('000)	21.0	21.1	20.2	-0.1	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.8	11.9	13.0	-0.1	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	68.1	66.9	-0.7	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	59.4	60.1	58.2	-0.7	1.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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